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SUBJ: POSSIBLE REENTRY OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL IN SOVIET COSMOS SATELLITE

1. MFA HAVING REFLECTED FURTHER ON WORST CASE RAMIFICATIONS, "NATURALLY CONCERNED BUT NOT PANICKED", COMMUNICATED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS TO EMBASSY TODAY (JANUARY 22) FOLLOWING A SMALL MEETING HELD BY MINISTER FORLANI:

-- IN THE EVENT REENTRY AND IMPACT ON LAND AREA, IS IT POSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE EXTENT OF AREA THAT MIGHT BE CONTAMINATED AND WOULD NEED TO BE EVACUATED?

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-- IS IT POSSIBLE, OR WILL IT BE POSSIBLE TO TRACK LAST PHASES OF REENTRY WITH SUFFICIENT PRECISION TO ESTIMATE APPROXIMATE SITE OF IMPACT AND TO PROVIDE SOME ADVANCE WARNING?

-- SHOULD REENTERING MATERIAL IMPACT AT SEA, AS SEEMS MOST LIKELY, WHAT WOULD BE MOST EXTREME ECOLOGICAL EFFECT, MOST LIKELY EFFECT?

-- IF MATERIAL BURNS UP ON REENTRY WHAT WILL BE PROBABLE EXTENT
AND EFFECT OF RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION?

2. MFA EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ADVANCE INFORMATION ALREADY
TRANSMITTED AND PARTICULARLY FOR AVAILABILITY OF U.S. RECOVERY TEAMS
SHOULD ITALIAN LAND MASS BE AFFECTED.
IN ADDITION MFA INDICATED WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE
CONTINUING TIMELY ADVICE AND HOPED U.S.
WOULD INFORM GOI WHEN REENTRY COMPLETED AND
WHERE.GARDNER
UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER".

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